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still other electric components 13 of the device 1 with electrical energy 9. A filling valve 16 is used for replenishing the fuel reservoir 10 with liquid fuel 6. For monitoring the level of liquid fuel 6, a viewing port 17 is provided, and at least in the region of the viewing port 17, the fuel reservoir 10 is of transparent material 48. A handle 23 is used for grasping the hot air dryer 3 and also serves to hold the fuel reservoir 10, fuel cell 8, and valve 11. ~~As further exemplary embodiments of a device 1, a curling iron or a space heater, not shown, may be contemplated.~~

On page 3, please amend the paragraph contained in lines 20-29 as follows:

Fig. 2 shows a block circuit diagram for the function of the hot air dryer (hairdryer) of Fig. 1. By way of the valve 11 that can be switched by hand, the gaseous fuel 6 is supplied from the refillable fuel reservoir 10, which may for instance be embodied as a metal hydride reservoir, simultaneously to the catalytic heating element 5 and the fuel cell 8. As a result, heat 4 occurs in the heating element 5, and electrical energy 9 occurs in the fuel cell 8, for operating the electric blower 7, the electronic control unit 12 for the blower 7, and other electric components 13 of the hot air dryer device 4. The air stream 14 of the blower 7 is carried through the heating element 5, thereby converting the heat 4 into a hot air flow 2 (Fig. 1).

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On page 4, please amend line 4 as follows:

4—Device